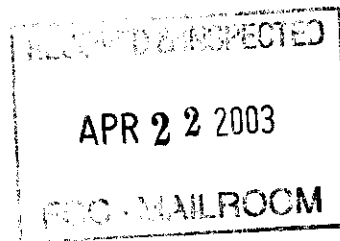


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April 16, 2003

Ms. Marlene Dortch  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 - 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554



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Dear Ms. Dortch:

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Here we go again. After the fiasco we had <sup>Distribution</sup> with the deregulation of the electrical power systems; now the FCC is considering giving the so called Baby Bells the right to unbundle network elements to allow them to increase market power without strong regulatory oversight. FCC's current regulations are headed in this direction.

I urge you to take strong action to protect the customers. If we don't have strong regulations we will wind up with phone monopolies all over again, where I will wind up paying more because of it.

In my opinion calling them Baby Bells is a joke. The government broke up AT&T because they were considered a monopoly. Look at what we have now. Probably each individual Baby Bell is bigger than AT&T ever was.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "H.I. Metzner".

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